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SUBJECT: REPORTED MC RELEASE OF F-18-L TECHNICAL DATA

REFERENCE: TEHRAN 5729

1. NORTHROP VP JABLONSKY WAS CORRECT IN HIS STATEMENT THAT
MC APPROVED ON JUNE 23 RELEASE OF TECHNICAL DATA ON
F-18L TO COVER THE COUNTRIES WHICH HE NAMED. ON SAME DAY
MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS RECEIVED MC APPROVAL TO TRANSMIT DATA TO
SAME SEVEN COUNTRIES ON F-18A (CARRIER-BASED VERSION).
COUNTRIES INVOLVED ARE, AS YOU NOTED, AMONG THOSE WHICH
ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NEW ARMS SALE POLICY AND
THAT WAS THE SOLE BASIS FOR THE APPROVED RELEASE OF
TECHNICAL DATA. REQUESTS TO RELEASE TECHNICAL DATA BY
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BOTH NORTHROP AND MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS TO MANY COUNTRIES WHICH
ARE NOT EXEMPTED HAVE NOT BEEN ACTED UPON. COMPANIES HAVE
BEEN CAUTIONED NOT TO EXPECT OR SUGGEST TO COUNTRIES
APPROVED FOR RELEASE OF TECHNICAL DATA THAT APPROVALS
WILL BE GRANTED ON BROADER GEOGRAPHIC BASIS, I.E., TO
COUNTRIES NOT INCLUDED IN EXEMPT CATEGORY.

2. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL THE U.S. AIR FORCE HAS NO CURRENT PLANS TO PURCHASE THE F-18L. THE F-18A IS AN APPROVED PROGRAM FOR THE NAVY BUT THE EXTENT OF THE TOTAL PROGRAM, OF COURSE, WILL DEPEND ON EXECUTIVE BRANCH DECISION AND CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION.

3. THE DECISION TO RELEASE TECHNICAL DATA TO THE SEVEN COUNTRIES DOES NOT CHANGE THE DECISION, NOR THE BASIS FOR THAT DECISION, TO DENY THE SALE OF F-18L TO IRAN. GENERAL TOUFANIAN WAS TOLD FRANKLY DURING HIS VISIT HERE THE RATIONALE FOR THE DECISION. CHRISTOPHER

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